

WEATHER FORECAST.
Partly cloudy to-day; to-morrow fair;
moderate southwest to west winds.
Highest temperature yesterday, 76; lowest, 68.
Detailed weather reports on editorial page.

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Determination.

CABLE IS KEPT BUSY

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Problem Is Looked For
at Any Minute.

SERBS SEE CAUSE OF WAR

Jugo-Slavs Incensed About
Reports of D'Annunzio's
Invasion of Croatia.

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Italian Troops Help D'Annunzio Raiders

By the Associated Press.

GENEVA, Sept. 22.—Des-

patches from Austrian and

Serbian sources say Italian regu-

lar units under Gen. Badoglio have

constructed a continuous line of

trenches around Fiume, while

D'Annunzio's forces have built de-

fenses a few hundred yards in-

side the circle.

The soldiers of the two sides

are fraternizing, exchanging to-

bacco and refreshments, and of-

ficers from the two camps dine

together.

It is averred that trainloads of

food have been allowed to pass

the blockade line into the city by

sympathetic officers, in the ab-

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FOREST FIRES IMPEDE WILSON ON THE SIERRAS

Blazes Attributed to I. W.
W. Leap Across Railway
as He Passes.

TRAIN IS OFTEN STOPPED

Speaks at Reno, Nev., After
Platform Talks at Sacra-
mento and Elsewhere.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 22.—Bret Har-

dis was burning when President

Wilson passed through it this evening

on his way to the haven of the disap-

panted. Whole slopes of the Sierras

blazed red under stifling mantles of

bluish smoke.

For many miles between Sacramento

and Truckee, near the Nevada line, the

President's train touched the edge of

vast forest fires, running sometimes

straight through flames that leaped

and crackled a few yards to the right

and left of the Southern Pacific rail-

road. Great gangs of railroad

workmen with water and counter fire,

tired men with scorched boots and

overalls and soot blackened faces,

rested only long enough to wave a

greeting to the train, then returned to

their furious labors.

Near the American River Gorge and

Blue Canyon, about 170 miles north-

west of San Francisco, the heat of the fire

was so intense that perspiration poured

from the faces of the President's com-

panions as they leaned from the train

windows in the fascination of the spec-

tacle of this crime against nature; for

crime it is, the Southern Pacific officials

say, who so anxiously guided the Presi-

dential special to-day. The forest fires

are incendiary, they believe, set by agi-

tators suspected of being agents of the

I. W. W. They are burning the forests

in their practice of sabotage on a vast

scale; destroying innumerable tracts of

timber in a craving for more society.

Some of these creatures have been

traced with dogs and shot at.

Trains Obscured in Smoke.

In many places where the glance was

started by areas of blood red flame as

large as Central Park and no further

from the Presidential train than Cen-

tral Park is from Broadway, the slow

moving stream of passenger cars was to-

tally obscured in dense smoke. The Presi-

dential watching the spectacle from the draw-

ing room of the car Mayflower sometimes

had to employ a wet handkerchief to

relieve his smarting eyes or to breathe

momentarily through the square of moist

linen. Never before, possibly, has a

President of the United States had so

intimate experience with a forest fire.

Extraordinary care was taken by the

officials in charge of the train. Less

than half an hour ahead a pilot train

was scouting the right of way, and even

so often flames still loomed in the dis-

tance away that flames, slowly leaving

the reduction mills and stamp plants along

the American River, driven out by the

advance of the fire. They were of the

type known as "torches," and were

extremely laborious, who have been glean-

ing from old mines—mines exhausted

according to the white miners' standards

many years ago, but still of rich pos-

sibilities to these patient and frugal

miners. Some of them, climbing out of

the blazing gorges, carried on their

backs all they owned in the world, ac-

cording to the philosophy of their race

the misfortune that had rushed upon

them.

No Rain for Many Months.

Stamp mills and miners' cabins, newly

caught by the fire, could be seen firing

up, burning like matchboxes. Some-

where down in that Inferno Col. Starbot-

tle and Miles, too, no doubt were to be

found, for the Colonel was no coward.

There has been no rain for months.

The woods are tinder. In many regions

water is difficult or impossible to get.

Little can be done, the railroad officials

said, except fight the flames back from

the railroad right of way and protect the

mountain villages. Already immense

tracts have been consumed, so that the

train passed through a ruined land of

blackened stumps and earth still smok-

ing.

There was no danger for the President

in all of this, because the railroad was

patrolled and protected in every rod of

its course; but the railroad men seemed

to think it necessary to take every possi-

ble precaution. Every tunnel of the

innumerable piercings of the mountain

passes, every snow shed of the long

series of tunnels that are a trial to

only the most expert of the Presidential

train was permitted to bore into them.

The President's journey to Reno,

where he delivered to-night the third

speech of the tour, was a twenty-

five hour ride from Los Angeles, un-

broken except for a stop of fifteen min-

utes at Sacramento and for mere pauses

at Stockton, Colfax, Truckee and one or

two other towns, where the people had

gathered in large crowds and where

the President did a little handshaking

from the back platform. It was the

hottest day of the whole trip, for north-

ern California is a good deal warmer

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REED ANALYZES GRIP OF BRITAIN ON THE LEAGUE

Missouri Senator Shows
Power of Domination
Through the Assembly.

"SKILFULLY CONCEALED"

Cheered for Three Minutes on
Conclusion—Ashurst Hissed
for Protest.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.